

Tony signed up as a member of the Florida Army National Guard in late 2004, and immediately dedicated himself to the rigors of training. Assigned to the Hernando County-based 856th Quartermaster Battalion, Tony earned the Soldier of the Year award by finishing first among the Army Guard soldiers who completed a rigorous testing regimen conducted at Camp Blanding in North Florida.

Mr. Speaker, Tony's recognition shows that hard work and dedication in pursuit of a goal can indeed bring success. I congratulate him on being named the 2005 Florida Army National Guard Soldier of the Year, and wish him good luck in the upcoming first Army Southern Region National Guard Soldier of the Year competition.

TRIBUTE TO TUX AND BOOTS BALL

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2006

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the sesquicentennial of Atascosa County, which is a county in the 28th district of Texas and was founded in 1856. This year marks the 150th anniversary of Atascosa's beginnings and we will kick off a year long celebration at the annual Tux and Boots Ball on Saturday, January 28th in Pleasanton, TX.

Mr. Speaker, Atascosa County is south of San Antonio on the Rio Grande Plain region of south central Texas. The first census taken in Atascosa County was in 1860 and counted 1,578 people. Today, Atascosa County's population is at more than 43,000 residents.

The earliest schools in Atascosa County were organized around the time of the Civil War. By 1914, there were thirty-seven schools in the county. By the 1940s the school districts had begun to consolidate. The total number of persons over the age of twenty-five who had completed four years of high school rose from 1,300 in 1950 to 2,083 in 1960. In addition, the number of residents with some college rose from 395 in 1950 to 473 in 1960. By the year 2000, when the census counted 38,628 people living in Atascosa County, over 65 percent of residents age twenty-five and older had four years of high school. Agriculture, government services, and some light manufacturing are key elements of the area's economy. The largest communities in the County are Jourdanton, the county seat, and Pleasanton the county's largest town. Other communities include Poteet, Lytle, Charlotte, Christine, Leming, McCoy, and Peggy. Some of the County's wonderful attractions include the Poteet Strawberry Festival, the Jourdanton Days Celebration, and the Cowboy Homecoming and Rodeo in Pleasanton. As we look back on the last 150 years with pride, we also look forward to a promising future for Atascosa.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Atascosa County on their 150th anniversary and all of their accomplishments.

CONGRATULATING MR. ERIC R. JONES

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2006

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Eric R. Jones of Denton, Texas for receiving the prestigious Fulbright award to study abroad in Bolivia during the 2005–2006 academic year. Mr. Jones was honored with this award for his studies in Ethnomusicology at the University of North Texas.

The Fulbright Program is sponsored by the Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. The program was established in 1946 with the purpose of building mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the rest of the world by allowing recipients to study, lecture or conduct research in an international exchange program.

Eric was selected on the basis of academic achievement, as well as demonstrated leadership potential in his field.

I extend my sincere congratulations to Mr. Eric Jones on receiving this award and commend his dedication and desire to help his school, community and country.

ON REMOVAL OF NAME AS COSPONSOR OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS 635, 636, AND 637

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2006

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California. Mr. Speaker, during the December recess I was surprised to read in a newspaper article that I was listed as a cosponsor of House Resolutions 635, 636 and 637 since I had not cosponsored any of these measures. I discovered that due to administrative errors, my name was mistakenly added to these bills by the Judiciary Committee staff. I never was a cosponsor of any of them but the only way to correct the committee's error under the rules of the House is to ask unanimous consent to have my name removed as a cosponsor even though I never asked to be added to these pieces of legislation. I could not correct these errors until the House reconvened, which is why I am taking this action today.

I have been involved in two impeachment proceedings against American Presidents. The first was in 1974, during the impeachment inquiry related to President Nixon when I served on the staff of a member of the House Judiciary Committee, Congressman Don Edwards. The second was in 1998, as a Member of the Judiciary Committee during the impeachment of President Clinton.

Impeachment of a President is provided for in the Constitution only in cases of bribery, treason or "high crimes and misdemeanors." The latter phrase had a very specific meaning to the drafters of our Constitution and was meant to include misbehavior by a President that threatened the very nature of our government. President Nixon resigned before the Congress could vote on his impeachment, but

the impeachment articles adopted by a bipartisan majority of the Judiciary Committee included behavior that was so lawless that it could threaten the very nature of the American government.

The partisan 1998 impeachment was based on personal misbehavior by the President and was, in my judgment, a misuse of the impeachment provisions in the Constitution. Use of impeachment for any reason that does not meet the standard set in the Constitution must be avoided by the Congress.

Serious questions have been raised about President Bush's actions in approving warrantless wiretaps by the NSA, as well as questions about both the Vice President's and the President's information that was provided to the Congress as the basis for the decision to initiate war in Iraq. These important questions need to be answered, and Congress should then consider the answers in a careful, deliberate and thoughtful manner. It is important that this process be done in a dispassionate way that avoids partisanship. This thorough analysis should, in my judgment, be undertaken before anything such as these resolutions are considered.

TRIBUTE TO FALLBROOK PEOPLE TO PEOPLE SERVICES

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2006

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Fallbrook People to People Services on the occasion of 24 years of outstanding services to the North County San Diego community.

On January 29, 2006, Fallbrook People to People Services celebrated 24 years of providing nonprofit, volunteer run, free employment and counseling resources to underserved members of North San Diego County. The volunteers have served the community by matching citizens with needs with individuals whom can assist. As a result, over 11,300 jobs have been identified and filled.

Mr. Speaker, with the dedication of Fallbrook People to People Service volunteers, many elderly or incapacitated clients are able to find affordable home health care, housekeeping, and home maintenance assistance that they would otherwise be unable to locate. Many local businesses also take advantage of this resource to staff sales, service, office and maintenance positions. Young mothers, first time workers, and middle-aged women are given assistance to support their families and find meaningful employment in order to become self-sufficient citizens.

On the occasion of Fallbrook People to People Service's 24th anniversary, I would like to personally recognize the work of those who have served as volunteers, staff and board members of this exceptional, nonprofit organization.

TRIBUTE TO CHRIS JONES

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2006

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishment of Chris Jones, a